disposed off in the Union Territory of Pondicherry from 1980 to 1985;

(b) what was the total amount misappropriated and the amount recovered out of the said misappropriated amount;

(c) the number of persons who have been convicted and acquitted; and

(d) the number of cooperative societies that have been liquidated on the ground of misappropriation during the period 1980-85?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) In the Union Territory of Pondicherry, twenty-six cases of misappropriation of funds in cooperative societies were pending disposal during 1980 to 1985. Of those, two cases have been disposed off during the said period.

(b) Out of the total misappropriated amount of Rs. 1,88,980. Rs. 65,407 have been recovered.

(c) Two persons have been convicted, the number of persons acquitted is nil.

(d) Nil.

Flood Assistants Library Attendants and Studio Attendants in the Directorate General Doordarshan, AIR etc.

3276. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of floor assistants|library attendants and studio attendants working at present in the Directorate Central, Doordarshan, Delhi Doordarshan and All India Radio and the number of posts of this category lying vacant;

(b) the number out of the above who are working on ad-hoc basis and the reasons for not absorbing these employees on regular basis;

(c) what is the criteria for the selection and making them permanent; and

(d) by when Government propose to absorb these employees on regular basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) The information in respect of Directorate General, Doordarshan, Delhi Kendra of Doordarshan and Delhi Station of All India Radio for these categories is as under:—

Category	Filled			Vacant		
	DG:DD	DDK Delhi	AIR Delhi	DG:DD	DDK Delhi	AIR Delhi
Floor Assistant . .	Nil	29	Nil	Nil	22	Nil
Library Attendants . .	Nil	1	1	Nil	Nil	1
Studio Attendants . .	Nil	4	3	Nil	Nil	Nil

(b) and (d) The number of ad-hoc empolyees is 'NIL'. Other part of the question and part (d) do not arise.

(c) Selection for the posts is done as per provisions in the Recruitment Rules and the incumbents are made permanent on the basis of availability of permanent posts.

Daily wage employees in the Press Information Bureau

3277. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of employees, category-wise, working in the Press In-